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Let's Read a Book!

Young children are inquisitive by nature. During the first five years of your child's life, you can capitalize on every opportunity to help your child develop rich language skills, acquire the ability to think and learn, and understand the world around them while you encourage self-expression. This can be done in simple ways that you might not even realize. Even before your child is able to speak, reading a book to him or her is a perfect start!

Let's consider a book called The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet by Carmen Agra Deedy. When you read with your baby, simply reading through the words and pointing out the animals and colors is a great way to begin exploring books. When you share this book with your toddler, you can have a discussion about what other animals he or she knows and the sounds that each animal makes. You can also sing together like the rooster sang, or you can have a chat with your little one about appropriate times to be quiet. Having back-and-forth conversations with your child is the perfect way to help build a strong early vocabulary, and deepens your child's love of reading and the growing relationship with you.

Another book called Tortillas are Round by Roseanne Thong is an engaging story! In addition to reading the book, you could discuss the characters, story events, or another culture. Focusing on the illustrations and the round shape of the tortillas is an easy way to ask your child what other shapes he or she knows. There are so many ways to promote language and the joy of reading with great picture books!

Please click the link <https://oomscholasticblog.com/post/books-read-hispanic-heritage-month?linkId=99958727> to find other books to engage in and read in celebration of Hispanic/Latinx heritage month.

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